



# Oak Bay High School

## Next Week @ Oak Bay High

### June 21 – 25, 2021

June 18, 2021

#### Grad update

Our graduation 2021 ceremony is less than one week away. Very exciting times for our grads and their families. It was wonderful to see so many grads participate in grad formal wear day today. Yesterday we distributed the majority of the grad gowns and anyone who has not yet picked up their gown can do so in the office Friday or Monday next week.

A couple of reminders and updates:

- Please arrive at the school at the time you have signed up, no early birds please.
- Parking may be tight, especially the graduation times during the daytime on Wednesday and Thursday so please plan accordingly.
- You will enter the school from the back parking lot off Cranmore Street, not the front of the school.
- Grads are asked to wear their graduation cap and gown to the ceremony
- We are asking each grad and guests to please stay physically distanced from the other grads and guests in the graduation ceremony session
- All graduates and guests will be required to wear a mask during the graduation
- The expectation being that graduates will have the option to remove their mask for a physically distanced photo in the theatre with Mr. Aerts.
- A professional photographer will take these photos and they will be made available for families to download for free shortly after graduation.
- The stage walk part of the ceremony will be live streamed each day. Here are the secured Youtube links for each day. No login is necessary.
  - Tuesday, June 22 (4pm - 8pm): <https://youtu.be/9FPwonsMABc>
  - Wednesday, June 23 (12pm - 7pm): [https://youtu.be/1P\\_KsfqM9Q4](https://youtu.be/1P_KsfqM9Q4)
  - Thursday, June 24 (11am to 3pm): <https://youtu.be/7qe5-ugfAfk>
- There are 3 parts to the graduation ceremony ceremony
  - **Part 1**- Gymnasium (Welcome from school, Valedictorian address, special musical presentation)
  - **Part 2** - Stage walk in theatre
    - a. Your stage walk quote will be read out loud as you walk across the stage
    - b. Your parents/guests will be able to watch this from inside the theatre
  - **Part 3** - Photo opportunity in the cafeteria. There will be beautifully balloon decorated stages in the cafeteria for graduates and their guests to take individual and group photos on.
  - Lastly, in following the Provincial COVID 19 health and safety guidelines for this event we ask that you please do not gather after the ceremony with other grads on school grounds.

#### UPCOMING DATES

##### June 22

Last day of classes

##### June 22, 23, 24

Grad Stage Walk

##### June 23 & 24

Curriculum

Completion Day

##### June 25

Admin Day

Thanks everyone. We are really looking forward to a fantastic end of year and graduation. If you have any questions at all please feel free to email Tom Aerts at [taerts@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:taerts@sd61.bc.ca).

#### Grads

***Have you moved during the school year? Does the school have your correct mailing address?***

Final Dogwood Graduation Diplomas for grade 12 students will be mailed during the summer to the address the school currently has in our system. Please feel free to contact the school to check if we have the correct address for your student.

#### Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 21 and Tuesday June 22 during Bl. F. Students who have purchased a yearbook will be called down by classes. If you have any questions about yearbooks, please contact Mr. Turner at [bturner@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:bturner@sd61.bc.ca)



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# Office of the Superintendent *Shelley Green – Superintendent*

June 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Plans for safe full-time return to school in 2021/2022 school year

The Minister of Education alongside our Provincial Health Officer announced this morning that schools will be preparing for a near normal return to school for the 2021/2022 school year. With the successful rollout of BC's vaccination program, students will be returning to the classroom for full-time learning in September.

To support a safe return to school, the Provincial government is committing \$43.6 million to be allocated across all school districts. We do not know our allocation yet. The funding will go towards enhanced cleaning measures, and to support First Nations and Métis students, mental health services and addressing learning impacts to students.

We understand that restrictions will continue to lift over the summer break. A Provincial K-12 Steering Committee is continuing to work with public health experts during the summer to finalize guidance for K-12 school settings that will be in alignment with BC's Restart Plan. We've been informed that details on masks and other safety guidelines will be released in August.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any updates. For additional details from today's announcement, please see the resources below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Green".

Shelley Green

[Media Release – Recovery Plan investment supports safe K-12 return](#)

[Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools: Outlook for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

[BC's Restart Plan](#)

*The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.*

One *Learning* Community

